

REMARKS

Examiner Cooley is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on October 29, 2008.

The Interview Summary is believed to accurately reflect what was discussed and agreed to during the Interview.

Reconsideration of the objections to the Specification and the Drawings is hereby requested. The Specification has been amended at paragraphs 00014, 00034, 00038, and 00039 and 00041. Paragraphs 00038 and 00041 were amended, respectively, to include numerical designation "34" and to insert words inadvertently left out. A new set of Replacement Sheets are submitted herewith. Therefore, reconsideration of these objections is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by (DE 3728901, the rejection of Claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated (not novel) by Ostkamp (U.S. Patent No. 5,885,202) and the rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated (not novel) by Ecker (U.S. Patent No. 4,615,690) is hereby requested.

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 11, 12 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11, 12 and 14 have been so rewritten.

As stated in the Interview Summary, "Applicant will place one or more of the objected to claims into independent form. A proposed claim 9 was discussed. App[licants'] Rep[resentative] and the ex[amine]r revised the claim to define over DE '901...". Claim 9 has been revised as discussed. Applicants submit that the Examiner's identification of the centripetal chamber in DE '901 does not include a throttle disk that cooperates with a surface of the centripetal chamber to adjust an amount of flow out of the discharge opening, as stated in amended Claim 9.

Claims 1, 7 and 8 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 2-6, 10 and 13 are amended to change their dependencies or to clarify the claim language to comport with the allowable independent claims. Claim 15 has been added to depend from Claim 9. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, Claims 2-6 and 9-15 are believed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the above, the Application is now in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (677/44581).

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure(s): Amendments to the Specification
Amendments to the Claims
Amendments to the Drawings (Replacement Sheets)

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